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Main Entry: su-per-fi-cial •)

Pronunciation: "su-p&r-'fi-sh&l

Function: adjective

Etymology: Middle English, from Late Latin superficialis,

from Latin superficies

1 a (1): of or relating to a surface (2): lying on, not penetrating below, or affecting only the surface < superficial wounds> b British, of a unit of measure: SQUARE

<superficial foot>

2 a: concerned only with the obvious or apparent: SHALLOW b: lying on the surface: EXTERNAL c: presenting only an appearance without substance or significance

- su·per·fi·cial·ly ◆) /- 'fi-sh(&-) 1E/ adverb synonyms SUPERFICIAL, SHALLOW, CURSORY mean lacking in depth or solidity. SUPERFICIAL implies a concern only with surface aspects or obvious features <a superficial analysis of the problem>. SHALLOW is more generally derogatory in implying lack of depth in knowledge, reasoning, emotions, or character <a light, shallow, and frivolous review>. CURSORY suggests a lack of thoroughness or a neglect of details < gave the letter only a cursory reading>.

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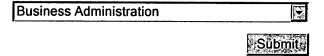
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